



DROYLSDEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1942.

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Area 1,010 acres.

Population -

At Census 1931 13,270
At June 1942 24,460

No. of Houses -

At Census 1931 3,280
At end of 1942 8,180

General Rate for 1942 15/- in the £.
Rateable Value £109,448.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate £427.

BIRTH RATE.

During the year the births of 513 infants, 269 males and 244 females, were registered. Of these births 3 males and 4 females were illegitimate.

Taking the population at 24,460, the birth rate for the year is 20.97 per 1,000.

DEATH RATE.

During the year the deaths of 264 persons, 135 males and 129 females, were registered. This gives a death rate of 10.79 per 1,000.

The above deaths include those of 40 children under one year of age (15 males and 25 females). This gives an infant mortality rate of 77.95 per 1,000.

There were 15 Still Births (8 males and 7 females).

CAUSE OF DEATH.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	7
Whooping Cough	1	1
Tuberculosis of Resp. System	6	8
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	3
Influenza	3	-
Measles	-	1
Cancer of Oesophagus	2	-
Cancer of stomach & duodenum	9	4
Cancer of breast	-	6
Cancer of all other sites.....	13	8
Diabetes	1	1
Intracranial vascular lesions.....	9	9
Heart disease	31	29
Other diseases of the circ. system .	1	1
Bronchitis	9	9
Pneumonia	7	6
Other Respiratory diseases	3	4
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum.....	1	-
Diarrhoea under 2 years	1	2
Appendicitis	2	-
Other digestive diseases	1	2
Nephritis	7	2
Puer. & Post-abortion. Sepsis.....	-	1
Premature birth	4	8
Con. Mal: Birth injuries: Infant dis.	7	9
Suicide	1	-
Road Traffic Accidents	1	-
Other violent causes	4	2
All other causes	9	13
	<u>135</u>	<u>129</u>

264

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following Pathological Specimens were submitted to the Manchester Public Health Laboratory for examination:-

Sputum 8; throat & nose swabs for Diphtheria 62, Virulence Test 1; Typhoid Fever 1; Haemolytic Streptococci 1.

In addition 13 throat & nose swabs were examined at the Pathological Laboratory of the District Infirmary, Ashton-u-Lyne.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Non-Infectious Cases.

Agreements exist between the Manchester City Council and the Ashton-under-Lyne Corporation for the use by Droylsden residents of the Motor Ambulanc s belonging to these two Authorities.

Infectious Cases.

In cases of Infectious Disease, other than Smallpox, the Motor Ambulances of the Manchester Corporation are requisitioned for the conveyance of patients to (and from if required) the Monsall Infectious Diseases Hospital.

The ambulance service is excellent.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

The Droylsden Sick Nursing Association employs two whole-time Nurses for the visitation of the sick, but there are no arrangements for the nursing of infectious diseases, e.g. measles in the home.

HOSPITALS.

There are no Public or Voluntary Hospitals in the district.

CLINICS & TREATMENT CENTRES.

The Child Welfare Centre is the only Clinic in the area and is under the control of the Lancashire County Council.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Sanatorium treatment of tuberculosis is arranged for and provided by the Tuberculosis Department of the Lancashire County Council, whose Dispensary for this district is situated at Ashton-under-Lyne.

MATERNITY.

Complicated maternity cases are sent to St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester; the District Infirmary and the Lake Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Residents of Droylsden are able to make use of St. Mary's Hospital Maternity Unit. The Maternity Unit consists of a member of the visiting Obstetric Staff, together with a Nurse and the necessary equipment for dealing with emergencies. The services of the Unit are available when summoned by the doctor in charge of the case.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Under the terms of an Agreement with the Manchester Corporation, cases which cannot be isolated satisfactorily at home, or where nursing is inadequate, with the exception of smallpox cases, are sent for isolation and treatment at the Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Payment is made by the Council at the rate of actual cost. There is no limit to the number of beds which may be occupied.

Smallpox.

Arrangements have been made whereby cases of smallpox are treated at the Ashton-under-Lyne & District Joint Smallpox Hospital at Hartshead.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Manchester Corporation took over Droylsden's sewerage in June 1939. With the exception of the sewage from 20 new houses which were built below the sewer level, 10 cottages, 3 Piggeries, a Public House and the Droylsden Railway Station, sewage is treated by the Manchester Corporation at Davyhulme. A special cesspool has been constructed to deal with the sewage from the 20 new houses.

HOUSING.

There are no changes in the housing conditions.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

There are 80 registered retail purveyors of milk, other than cowkeepers, and 5 dairies.

There is one firm licensed to produce Pasteurised milk.

There are 6 milk distributors in Droylsden who hold special licenses for the sale of designated milk.

Tuberculosis in Milk.

During the year 39 samples of milk were submitted by the Droylsden Urban District Council for examination for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli. The results were as follows:-

	<u>No. of samples.</u>	<u>Positive.</u>	<u>Negative.</u>
Pasteurised Milk.	11	Nil.	11
Untreated Milk.	28	"	28

Milk supplied to Schools.

Six specimens of milk were taken by the County Council. All proved negative.

Meat Shops & Slaughterhouses.

There are 26 retail meat shops and two slaughter-houses in Droylsden, but there is no slaughtering taking place in the district at the present time.

During the year 25 lbs of pigs' livers, 1 leg of lamb and 244 lbs of beef were destroyed as unwholesome.

Bakehouses.

At the end of 1942 there were 38 bakehouses on the register, and these have been found to be well kept, cleanly and in good structural condition.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Scarlet Fever showed an increase, the number of cases notified was 108 as against 48 in 1941.

Ten cases of Diphtheria were notified, compared with 36 cases in 1941. All the cases were removed to Isolation Hospital.

80,000 units of Diphtheria Anti-toxin were supplied to doctors for administration to patients residing in the district.

Only 38 cases of Whooping Cough were notified compared with 116 in 1941, and 261 cases of Measles as against 42 cases in 1941.

SCABIES.

Scabies has been prevalent during the year. There are no facilities for treating cases of scabies in Droylsden. Treatment cannot be started with the equipment provided by the Council until the completion of the Decontamination Centre at the First Aid Post.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION SCHEME.

A Scheme for active immunisation of children against Diphtheria started on the 13th October 1939. The County Council provide the Nurses and the use of the Clinic and contributes 50% of the cost.

The immunisation is carried out by two of the Medical Practitioners residing in the area. Children from nine months to 15 years are immunised free of cost. The average attendance at each session was 80.

Three immunising doses each of 0.5 c.c. A.P.T. are given to each child at intervals of 4 weeks.

During the year 467 pre-school children and 262 school children completed the course of immunisation.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1942.

Diseases.	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.
Scarlet Fever	108	31
Diphtheria	10	10
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2
Pneumonia	8	-
Erysipelas.	1	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2	2
Measles.	261	3
Whooping Cough	38	1
Totals.	430	49

TUBERCULOSIS.

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

New cases of Tuberculosis and Mortality during 1942.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years.								
0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	1
10-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
15-	1	3	-	1	-	2	1	-
20-	1	2	-	2	1	1	-	-
25-	2	6	1	-	-	3	-	1
35-	8	1	2	-	2	-	-	1
45-	3	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
55-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 & upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	16	13	6	9	6	9	1	3
	29		15		15		4	

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